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FOR MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

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## MEETINGS FOR JUNE

*Wednesday, 7 June, at 6.30 p.m.*

R. H. THOULESS, M.A., PH.D., on 'The Design of Experiments in Psychical Research'.

Dr Thouless, who is a member of the Council of the S.P.R. and was President for 1942-4, is Reader in Educational Psychology in the University of Cambridge.

*Saturday, 17 June, at 2.30 p.m.*

H. J. EYSENCK, PH.D., on 'The Measurement of Personality'. Dr Eysenck is Reader in Psychology in the University of London, and Director of the Psychological Department of the Institute of Psychology.

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## GROUP E.S.P. EXPERIMENTS

MEMBERS will be interested to know that up to 21 March 37 groups had been formed. The number of subjects tested was 90, and the total number of calls recorded was 57,000. Mr Fisk reports that several percipients have produced promising results and that further experiments are being carried out with them.

Members who wish to take part in these experiments (a note on which appeared on p. xv of the Supplement to the January-February issue of the *Journal*) should write for details to Mr G. W. Fisk, 6 Ditton Grange Close, Ditton Hill, Surrey.

## SUMMER CLOSING OF THE SOCIETY'S ROOMS

THE re-organization of the Society's work and the expected visit of members of the staff of the Parapsychology Laboratory, Duke University, make it advisable to alter the period during which the Society's rooms will be closed. This year the rooms, including the Library, will be closed throughout July, re-opening on 1 August. Members are therefore advised to renew or change Library books before 30 June. During July the number of books which Members may have on loan will be increased from three to five. Urgent correspondence only will be dealt with while the rooms are closed.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 31 Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1, on Wednesday, 28 February 1950, at 3.30 p.m., under the chairmanship of Dr S. G. Soal.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the Meeting, the Report of the Council and the Accounts were presented. The Hon. Secretary, Mr W. H. Salter, moved the adoption of the Report and the Accounts, and this resolution was seconded by Mrs A. H. Bell, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that there were no candidates for election to membership of the Council other than the six members who retired by rotation, and the following six members were accordingly unanimously elected: Professor C. D. Broad, Mr Denys Parsons, Professor E. R. Dodds, Miss Ina Jephson, Mrs F. Heywood, and Professor H. H. Price. Messrs Miall, Harper & Co. were re-elected Auditors for the forthcoming year.

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## OBITUARY: MISS ISABEL NEWTON

WE record with great regret the death on 18 February 1950 of Miss Isabel Newton. Miss Newton joined the staff of the Society as one of the Assistant Secretaries in 1903, and was appointed Secretary in 1908, a post which she held until her retirement in 1938. In 1939 she was co-opted a member of the Council, and in the anticipation that regular Council meetings might become difficult in war conditions wide administrative powers were delegated to her, jointly with the Honorary Secretary, and in this capacity also she rendered invaluable service. She resigned from membership of the Council in 1944. An obituary notice will shortly appear in *Proceedings*.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

### PAYMENT BY BANKER'S ORDER

THE Secretary wishes to thank those Members and Associates who have arranged for their subscriptions and donations to be paid annually by their banks. Everyone who uses this method of payment helps to reduce the Society's expenses and clerical work.

Those Members whose subscriptions for 1950 have not yet been paid are urged to make use of the Bank Order form which will accompany the notice to be sent to them shortly.

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meetings of the Council were held as follows :

- 455th. 9 February 1950. Chairman : Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt.  
 456th. 28 February 1950. Chairman : Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt.  
 457th. 28 February 1950. Chairman : The President, Dr S. G. Soal.

At the meeting of the Council held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 28 February 1950 the following were elected :

Dr S. G. Soal was elected President for the year ; Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt, Hon. Treasurer ; Mr W. H. Salter and Mr Denys Parsons, Hon. Secretaries ; Dr D. J. West, Hon. Research Officer ; Mrs W. H. Salter, Hon. Editor of *Proceedings* ; Mr Edward Osborn, Hon. Editor of the *Journal*.

Committees were elected as follows :

*Committee of Reference and Publication* : Professor C. D. Broad, Mrs Frank Heywood, Mr Denys Parsons, Professor H. H. Price, Mr W. H. Salter, Mrs W. H. Salter, Dr S. G. Soal, Dr R. H. Thouless, Mr G. N. M. Tyrrell, and Dr D. J. West.

*Finance Committee* : Mrs K. M. Goldney, Lord Charles Hope, Mr G. W. Lambert, and Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt.

*House Committee* : Mrs K. M. Goldney, Miss Ina Jephson, Mr Edward Osborn, Mr W. H. Salter, and Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt.

*Library Committee* : Dr E. J. Dingwall, the Hon. Mrs Gay, Mr J. Fraser Nicol, Mr Edward Osborn, and Admiral the Hon. A. C. Strutt (*ex-officio*).

*Publicity Committee* : Mr Edward Osborn, Mr Denys Parsons, Mr R. S. W. Pollard, and Mrs A. W. Stevens.

## MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- 218th. Thursday, 12 January 1950, at 6.30 p.m. C. C. L. GREGORY :  
 'The Experience and the Object in Science and Psychical Research'.  
 219th. Thursday, 26 January 1950, at 3 p.m. DR L. J. BENDIT :  
 'Perceptivity and the Psyche : Some Considerations'.

- 220th. Saturday, 11 February 1950, at 2.30 p.m. C. W. K. MUNDLE : 'Precognition'.
- 221st. Tuesday, 28 February 1950, at 6 p.m. ERIC CUDDON : 'The Technique of a Certain Clairvoyante'.
- 222nd. Thursday, 9 March 1950. JAMES LEIGH : 'Psychical Research and Occultism'.

## NEW MEMBERS

*(Elected 9 February 1950)*

- BURKE, EDWARD, 5412 Bartlett Street, Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- DESHPANDE, D. H., M.A., LL.B., Post Shiggaon, District Dharwar, Bombay Province, India.
- GILL, MRS C. P., 120 Christchurch Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.
- HEAD, LT-COL. E. NUGENT, Boodles Club, St James's Street, London, S.W. 1.
- MARSHALL, MRS D., 18 Warwick Road, Earl's Court, London, S.W. 5.
- MOULT, J. S., 40 Bro Gwilym, Cefn Mawr, Wrexham, N. Wales.
- ROSE, MRS C. P. G., Cobhambury House, Cobham, nr Gravesend, Kent.
- SMYTHIES, DR J. R., Charing Cross Hospital, London, W.C. 2.
- TAYLOR, J. S., 202 Galton Road, Smethwick, Staffs.

## *Student-Associates*

- Coleman, M. Herder, 28 Seymour Avenue, Bishopton, Bristol 7.
- Lines, James, 2 Woodgrange Avenue, Enfield, Middx.
- Marsh, P. H., 25 Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, Lincs.
- Weightman, J. A., B.Sc., 100 Calabria Road, Highbury, London, N. 5.

*(Elected 28 February 1950)*

- LAZELL, H., The Corner House, Weston Green, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
- MACGREGOR, T. GILLAN, 97 Devonport Road, London, W. 12.
- MAY, EDWARD, M.D., 37A Great Cumberland Place, London, W. 1.
- PARRY, J. H., Park Cottage, Kingston Bagpuize, nr Abingdon, Berks.
- SIVADAS, S., B.A., 69 Sophia Road, Singapore.
- WILDE, G. L., Birchwood Farm, Coxbench, Derbyshire.

## *Student-Associate*

- Roberts, John, Connaught Hall, Swaythling, Southampton.

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## TENTH MYERS MEMORIAL LECTURE

As stated in the current issue of the *Journal*, Dr J. B. Rhine's lecture on 'Telepathy and Human Personality' will be available towards the end of the year. A copy will be sent to every member on publication. It will also be on sale to the public.

## GROUP E.S.P. EXPERIMENTS

Up to the end of June, 100 different subjects had been tested. No-one of outstanding performance has yet been discovered, but some subjects have produced interesting results, and further tests are being carried out. The total number of guesses made was approximately 58,000 in tests involving Agent and Percipient, and approximately 34,000 'solo' guesses 'down-through' the pack without an Agent had been recorded.

It is hoped to increase the number of participants, and Mr G. W. Fisk, who is acting as organizer of the scheme, will be glad to hear from any others who would like to join in the experiments. Mr Fisk's address is: 6 Ditton Grange Close, Ditton Hill, Surrey.

## 'HINTS ON SITTING WITH MEDIUMS'

A REVISED edition of this pamphlet was printed in June. Originally circulated only to members, it contains so much useful information for intending sitters that the Council decided to make it available to the public (price 6d.).

A copy will be sent without charge to every member who applies for it.

## AWARDS FOR RESEARCH

MRS E. D. Wenberg, of Beaufort, South Carolina, a member of the Society, recently made a donation of £17 to be used for the purpose of research. Mrs Wenberg has agreed to allow her name to be associated with one of the research awards described in the July issue of the *Journal*. The Council express their warm thanks to Mrs Wenberg, and hope that other members may be moved to follow her example.

## PSYCHICAL RESEARCH AND PHILOSOPHY

At a joint session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association which was held at the University of Bristol from 7-10 July, there was a symposium on the subject 'Is Psychical Research Relevant to Philosophy?' The chairman was Professor C. D. Broad, a member of the Council of the S.P.R. and President for the year 1935-6. Papers were read by Mrs M. Kneale, Mr C. K. Mundle, and Mr R. Robinson. Mr Mundle, who is a member of the Society, addressed a meeting of the S.P.R. on 'Precognition' on 11 February 1950, and a paper by him entitled 'The Experimental Evidence for PK and Precognition' was printed in Part 178 of *Proceedings* (July 1950).

## 'OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE S.P.R.'

A COMPLETELY revised version of this leaflet has just been printed. It describes the origin, field of work, and activities of the Society and sets out the conditions and privileges of membership. The Secretary will be glad to send copies of it (and of the membership application form) to any members who wish to interest their friends in joining the Society.

## DONATIONS

THE Council acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations to the Society's funds :

Anonymous	-	-	-	£25	0	0
Anonymous	-	-	-	20	0	0
Mr James Langham	-	-	-	2	2	0
Mr A. E. Rigg	-	-	-	1	0	0
Mrs W. H. Salter	-	-	-	10	0	0
Miss D. E. Warren	-	-	-	2	0	0
Mrs E. D. Wenberg	-	-	-	17	0	0

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meetings of the Council were held as follows :

- 458th. 31 March 1950. Chairman : The President, Dr S. G. Soal.  
459th. 28 June 1950. Chairman : The President, Dr S. G. Soal.

At the meeting of the Council held on 31 March 1950, the resignation of Miss Theodora Bosanquet from the Council was accepted with very much regret. Professor F. J. M. Stratton was appointed an elected member of Council to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Bosanquet's resignation.

The following co-optations to the Council were renewed for the current year : Mr J. Fraser Nicol, Mr Edward Osborn, Dr D. J. West, and Dr R. Wilson.

## MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- 223rd. Thursday, 23 March 1950, at 6.30 p.m. DR S. G. SOAL :  
'The Psi Faculty : A Personal Record'.  
224th. Wednesday, 19 April 1950, at 6.30 p.m. JACK SALVIN :  
'Stage "Telepathy"'.  
225th. Thursday, 25 May 1950, at 6.30 p.m. DR C. C. EVANS : 'The  
Electro-encephalograph'.  
226th. Wednesday, 7 June 1950, at 6.30 p.m. DR R. H. THOULESS :  
'The Design of Experiments in Psychical Research'.  
227th. Saturday, 17 June 1950, at 2.30 p.m. DR H. J. EYSENCK :  
'The Measurement of Personality'.

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## NEW MEMBERS

*(Elected 31 March 1950)*

- BROWN, MISS A. E., 7 Hounslow Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex.  
GREEN, DR A. J. RENTON, 54 West Street, Scarborough, Yorks.  
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Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, U.S.A.  
LIBRARIAN, Sutton Coldfield Psychical Research Society, 88 Hollyfield  
Road, Sutton Coldfield.  
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*(Elected 28 June 1950)*

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DONOVAN, H. J., 20 Lowther Road, Stanmore, Middlesex.

FLEW, A. G. N., Principal's Lodge, Wesley House, Cambridge.

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RUSSELL, D. A., Shothanger Wood Cottage, Boxmoor, Herts.

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RYAN, MAJOR C. C. L., Headly, Mandeville, Jamaica, B.W.I.

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